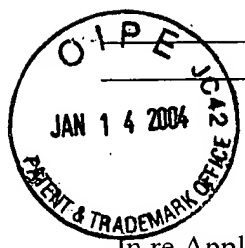


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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application, we are transmitting herewith the attached:

1. Amendment and Response to Final Office Action;
2. Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time;
3. Amendment and Transmittal of Sequence Listing, with Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f);
4. Sequence Listing (4 pages);
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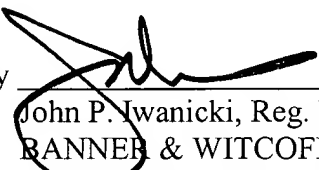
With respect to additional fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee of \$950.00, and any additional fees or credit overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: _____

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the final Office Action dated May 30, 2003 (Paper No. 20). A notice of appeal was filed September 2, 2003. Please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks, which are believed to place this case in condition for allowance.

Please amend the claims in accordance with the "Listing of Claims" which begins at page 2 of this paper.